

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 94-287-C - ORDER NO. 94-516 ✓  
JUNE 6, 1994

IN RE: MCI Telecommunications Corporation -	) ORDER
Revision to SCPSC Tariff No. 1 -	) GRANTING
Introduction of Prepaid Calling Card	) APPROVAL OF
Service.	) TARIFF

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the filing of MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI or the Company) to file revisions to its SCPSC Tariff No. 1, to introduce MCI Prepaid Calling Card Service as a new offering, and to make certain textual changes.

By letter, the Commission's Executive Director instructed MCI to publish, one time, at its own expense a prepared notice of filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas and to provide proof of publication. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Application and instructed interested parties of the manner in which to intervene. MCI complied with this instruction. A Petition to Intervene was filed by the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina. However, the Commission later received a letter requesting withdrawal of participation in the case.

In light of the fact that no new Petitions to Intervene have been filed other than that of the Consumer Advocate, and the Consumer Advocate has now requested to withdraw his participation

in the case, the Commission finds and concludes that this matter should be considered without a hearing.

The MCI Prepaid Calling Card Service allows customers to originate outbound direct dial calls via MCI - provided 800 numbers. According to the Company's Application, MCI Prepaid Calling Card Service customers may originate and terminate calls in the State of South Carolina and all calls are rounded to the next higher full minute. Each card may be obtained from MCI or its agents in various unit denominations with the per unit value of \$1.20, inclusive of all taxes. One unit equals one minute or fraction thereof of calling.

With regard to other conditions of service of the new card, calls to 700, 800, 900, and 950 numbers and directory assistance will not be completed using the MCI Prepaid Calling Card Service card. Calls may only be charged against an MCI Prepaid Calling Card Service card that has a sufficient available balance. MCI Prepaid Calling Card Service card balances will be reduced and depleted based on customer usage. Customers will be given notice one minute before the available card balance is depleted, based on the terminating location of the call. When the balance of available time is depleted, the call will be terminated. MCI will provide a credit equal to one minute of applicable service for MCI prepaid calling card service calls that are interrupted or are subject to inadequate transmission. Other conditions are included as filed.

It should be further noted that MCI has filed with this Commission a bond in the amount of \$5,000.00, which is a condition

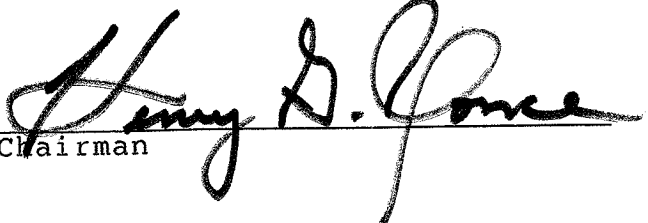
imposed on other calling card services offered by various companies and approved by this Commission.

The Commission has examined this matter and believes that the MCI Prepaid Calling Card Service should be approved as filed and that it is in the public interest for the Commission to approve this filing. Further, this Commission believes that Consumer Advocate should be allowed to withdraw his participation in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The MCI Prepaid Calling Card Service and other textual changes are approved as filed with this Commission.
2. The Consumer Advocate's request to withdraw his participation is hereby granted.
3. MCI shall have 30 days from receipt of this Order to file Tariffs consistent with this Order.
4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

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